GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INFRASTRUCTURE IN BORDER AREA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of China have stalled several developmental works going on in the border areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise and the action taken to resume the work;

(c) whether the Government is aware of massive infrastructure building including road / rail links by China right upto the international border and also in Pakistan occupied Kashmir;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the threat posed to the security of this country as a result thereof; and

(e) the details of roads / rail link constructed by the Border Roads Organisation along the border with China along with the amount allocated / utilised?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): Government pays close attention to Chinese military modernization as well as infrastructure development in the border regions including Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. Government also reviews the threat perception from time to time and takes all necessary measures including building operational capabilities of our Armed Forces and development of infrastructure in the border areas to meet our strategic and security requirements as also to facilitate economic development of these areas.

(e) Border Road Organisation (BRO) has been entrusted to execute 61 strategic roads along the border with China. So far, Rs.3877.52 Crore has been utilized by BRO till January 2014 against total release of Rs.4336.88 Crore. BRO is not mandated to construct rail links.